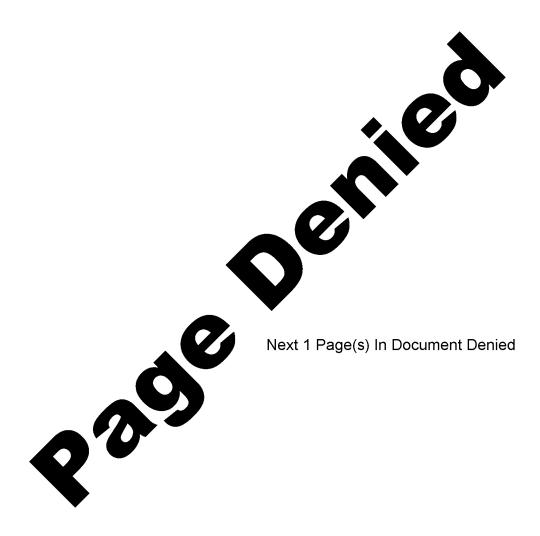
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After the passengers left the Russian Aeroflot liner at Vienna, around crew came aboard to clean up. There was the usual litter --- a tattered magazine, paper napkins, empty bottles, a bent coat hanger --- and all went into a box of trash. A few hours fater the airport garbage magazine, en route to the dump, stopped to deliver this box of Soviet trash to a man willing to pay for it. The man was an agent for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Sifting through the trash, the CIA agent spotted the coat hanger.

Let further examination to the wrapped it, along with several other items, and left it in a locker in a ratiroad station. When the package arrived at the nearest CIA mo them. the coat

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which was more valuable than diamonds.

comper. They did not know its range or bombload, but they did know had been that shavings from the machining of the wing were remelted and made into a particular type of coat hanger. At last, the CIA had obtained one. By chimical tests and spectroanalysis, the agency learned exactly what metals were being used in the wing of the plane. The formula for the allow was the last piece in the puzzle; with that, CIA's experts in aircraft engineering could tell both the range and bombload of this Soviet bomber.

The little-publicized case of the Red coat hanger was typical of the CIA at its best. Unfortunately the CIA has recently suffered two spectacular defeats. One was in Laos, where the CIA decided to support Gen. Phoumi Nosavan, mainly on the ground that he was strongly anti-communist. He was, but the CIA overlooked the fact that he also was politically unpopular and that his army was almost worthless.

The other humiliation was in Cuba, where the CIA clearly failed to grasp the political realities of the situation. One day after the defeat

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